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MR. WHITE: We have one release, No. 625, which is for publication at 6:30 tonight, namely, excerpts from an address by Richard N. Gardner, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations Affairs in a symposium on space, the US and the world, sponsored by the UN Association of Maryland and Cooperating Organizations in the auditorium at the University of Maryland for actual delivery at 7:30 tonight.

At the invitation of the Honorable Harold Cooley, Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture,--Mr. Cooley is from North Carolina, as most of you know--Assistant Secretary W. Averell Harriman will deliver an address in Nashville, North Carolina.

Q In what?

A Nashville, North Carolina, not Tennessee, but North Carolina. This first cousin of us Tennessee Nashvilleans, on the afternoon of Tuesday, that is today, October 16, on the occasion of the 15th Annual Harvest Festival. Harriman will center his talk on the significance of the Trade Expansion Act of '62, signed by the

President on the 11th in expanding export markets for American agricultural products. He will emphasize the vital role which the Food for Peace Program is playing in winning the cold war. He will discuss the achievements free societies and free institutions have made in contrast to the failures of the Sino-Soviet bloc, especially in food production. There is no text. He will speak extemporaneously.

That is all I have, gentlemen.

Q Do you have any word of Mr. Rusk's plans in connection with the visit to Washington of Mr. Gromyko on Thursday?

A Yes. The Secretary will participate in the meeting at the White House on Thursday. That evening at 8 o'clock the Secretary will host a small working dinner on the 8th floor for Mr. Gromyko. The guests will probably be 14, seven on each side.

Q What are they going to work on, Linc?

A Pardon?

Q What are they going to work on at the working dinner? Do you have the subjects or anything?

A Well, they will probably cover the water² front. I can't say precisely what they will talk about.

Q You say the Cuban water front?

(Laughter)

A I think it should be obvious to most of you the discussions with Mr. Gromyko before have covered the subjects of Berlin. They have covered Laos. They have covered disarmament and other subjects. I would assume this ground would be gone over again.

Q Who else will be on our side besides the Secretary?

A For the United States, Ambassador Thompson, Assistant Secretary Tyler, Mr. Hillenbrand--what's his official title--Director Berlin Task Force.

MR. BISHOP: Yes.

A Richard Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Robert Creel, Director, Office of German Affairs, and Mr. Akalovsky, who is in Disarmament but also serves as interpreter.

Q What's his first name?

A Anybody help me out on his first name?

Q Alexander Akalovsky.

Q Linc, will there be any tape on the Harriman talk?

A Tape on what?

Q On the Harriman talk.

A Gosh, is anybody from FE here? I don't know.

MR. REAP: I would doubt it.

A I doubt that it will be back tonight in any case.

Q Have you got the Russian-Soviet list?

A The Russian line-up, yes. In addition to Mr. Gromyko--you people will have^{to}/furnish first names, I don't have them--Mr. Semenov.

Q Mr. What?

A Semenov. S-e-m- is it "e" or "i"?

Q e-n.

A S-e-m-e-n-o-v; Mr. Suslov, S-u-s-l-o-v; Mr. Kovalev, K-o-v-a-l-e-v; and Mr. Falin, F-a-l-i-n; and Mr. Sukhodrev, S-u-k-h-o-d-r-e-v.

Q That is six.

A Pardon?

Q That is six.

A Well, including, of course Mr. Gromyko.

Q And Dobrynin.

A Pardon?

Q And the Ambassador?

A The Ambassador, of course, Ambassador Dobrynin.

Q Which Suslov is this? This wouldn't be the Secretariat Member?

A Mike, can you help us out on that?

Q Suslov was the Counsel in the UN Mission, as far as I know. The first name is Vladimir. I don't know his middle name.

Q He is the Deputy Foreign Minister, isn't he?

Q Suslov? No. He was the Consul in New York about two years ago. He is in the Foreign Office.

Q What are his initials?

Q V. S.

A V period, S period.

Q You don't have any initials on Sukhodrev?

A No, I'm sorry I don't.

Q Any other good answers to questions here?

(Laughter)

A How good they are, I will leave to your judgment. I have a handful of papers here, but nothing that I think is going to make any bulletin matter.

Q Linc, can you give us any idea what the subject matter was of Ambassador Kohler's discussion with Mr. Khrushchev?

A We have nothing on that at all. Wait a minute.

MR. REAP: That's right.

A As is normal practice, Ambassador Kohler, after arriving in Moscow, expressed to the Soviet authorities an interest in seeing Mr. Khrushchev at Mr. Khrushchev's convenience. Today's meeting is presumably the result of that request.

Is this "I" for me or is this "I" for "we" have nothing on what was discussed?

MR. STEARMAN: (Pointing to Linc White)

Q Whether it's "I" or "we", Linc, assumes some importance in deciding whether they have a report here on it, but just haven't provided it to you, or whether they haven't received any.

MR. REAP: We do not have it.

A We do not as yet have a report on this meeting.

Q Linc, in view of the German Foreign Minister's visit this week and this dinner coming up and Gromyko coming down, do you think there is any possibility the Secretary might have a news conference at the tail end of this week?

A I think the possibilities are virtually nil, really.

Q Do you know how long it has been since he had a news conference?

Q Last July, wasn't it?

MR. BISHOP: July.

A No.

Q Linc, do you have anything on the note from Cuba transmitted by way of Czechoslovakia pertaining to that ship business earlier?

A To my knowledge, we have not as yet received, we have not, and my knowledge broadens, we have not received

a note from the Czechoslovakians on this report out of Havana that they were sending us a note of protest.

Q This was on this patrol boat that somebody shot up?

A That's right. That's right.

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